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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
66	66	56
42	33	28
10%	10%	10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

7.6 Million

Cancer deaths worldwide according to the American Cancer Society in 2007

Source: www.foxnews.com

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GEORGIA PRIMARY



AMANDA BODDY / STAFF REPORTER

From left to right: Sophomore Daniel Shey, junior Mary Ford and junior Jason White participate in a presidential persona debate on Monday to discuss the important issues in this year's race before Super Tuesday. Shey represented Ron Paul, Ford represented Mitt Romney, and White represented John McCain.

Students feel heat of debate

BY AMANDA BODDY
STAFF REPORTER

The night before the Georgia primaries, a day known as "Super Tuesday," as 24 states are holding their primaries that day, GCSU students held a mock presidential debate.

Sponsored by the College Republicans, Young Democrats and the American Democratic Project, an on-campus group that works to raise political activity among students, the debate featured five presidential candidates from both the Republican and Democrat parties. The debate was held to give the audience an accurate representation of the candidates and their opinions so that students would be able to make an informed vote.

For the Democrats,

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Noah DeWalt represented Senator Barack Obama and Christina Cheatham spoke for Senator Hillary Clinton. Jason White, Mary Ford and Daniel Shey portrayed the Republican Senator John McCain, Governor Mitt Romney and Representative Ron Paul, respectively.

The debate opened with representative students giving a brief description of

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City workers frustrated at constant sidewalk vandals

BY CHRISTINE GEIGER
STAFF WRITER

Vandals impeded Milledgeville's attempts to fix cracked sidewalks by carving graffiti into the wet concrete.

The City of Milledgeville is in the process of replacing sidewalks that are cracked and uneven to make the city a nicer place for residents.

Workers went home after a full day of pouring concrete on S. Wayne Street on Jan. 15 and returned the next morning to find graffiti covering the sidewalks which they then had to re-pour.

The second incident occurred on Jan. 24 at the corner of W. Montgomery and N. Clarke streets. The vandals came while workers were on their lunch break and carved graffiti into the freshly poured concrete.

According to Jack Graham, Milledgeville City marshal, one worker was paid overtime to stay and make



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In the past month, there have been three incidents of sidewalk vandalism causing city construction workers to continually repave marked sidewalks. Vandals struck on Jan. 15 and 24.

sure the vandals did not return. Despite their efforts, the workers returned the next morning to find more graffiti on the sidewalks.

It was a necessity that the sidewalks all be re-done, which involves re-wetting the cement and re-dressing the

sidewalk. This process is labor intensive and was completely unnecessary but for the graffiti.

"Some of the graffiti was inappropriate language. It would be really embarrassing

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GCSU will allow alcohol at Sister Hazel

BY TIM GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Aside from GCSU Idol, Homecoming is easily one of the biggest events held on campus every year. The weekend of festivities has become even bigger with the announcement that Sister Hazel, a popular 90s band, will be performing this year.

Along with a big act, another big change will also be made. GCSU will allow those 21 or older to drink alcohol while at the Sister Hazel concert.

It is a very rare sight to see alcohol at any school sponsored event, especially on campus.

Spectators of the legal age aren't even allowed to drink at sporting events, whether they are school teams or intramurals. So why is it being allowed now? SGA President Ryan Greene had the answer to that question.

"(SGA) looked at other universities in the Southeast, and what they did in terms of big

What will be allowed?

- 6-pack limit on any alcohol.
- Beer or wine only.
- No glass containers.
- Coolers will be allowed but will be checked.

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Reynolds' real estate affects jobs

BY COURTNEY MCMAHON
STAFF WRITER

The current real estate market in the Linger Longer Community is forcing the management at Reynolds Plantation to cut back on employee hours and pay raises. Reynolds Plantation employs many GCSU students who rely on their jobs for a steady income. Most employees claim they have not yet been affected, but the real estate market must improve if Reynolds wants to continue to be successful.

It is not uncommon to see businesses such as Reynolds slightly suffer because of the housing market.

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Drake Simons / Senior Photographer

Due to recent problems in the Linger Longer Community real estate market, Reynolds Plantation management is cutting back on employee hours and pay raises.

Relay for Life walks for a cure

BY CHRISTA KAHEN
STAFF WRITER

Kendall Stiles and members of the local Relay for Life planning committee hosted GCSU's kick-off event Jan. 29 at The GIVE Center. "Hunt for the Cure" is the theme for Baldwin County's Relay for Life.

Team captains and members attended the meeting to learn how to navigate the new Relay for Life website. Pat Hester, online chairwoman for Baldwin County, explained how to register the teams online and how to keep track of

the teams' events and fundraising.

GCSU teams were also recognized at the meeting for participating last year. Collegiate 4-H raised more than \$1,400 last year, and they plan to raise at least \$1,500 this year.

The American Cancer Society's representatives and committee members shared their reasons to Relay.

"I wanted to get involved in the community after I retired," said Hester. "Both of my parents died of cancer, and I hope that my grandchild

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concerts. This policy specifically that we're sticking with is what a lot of other universities have," Greene said.

Limits will be placed on how much alcohol will be allowed to be brought into the concert. Using a professional security company to ensure the safety of each student, IDs will be checked at the door and wristbands will be given out to those who plan on drinking.

This will be the biggest concert since BavaFest, a concert series which had hosted names such as Run DMC, Lil' Jon and the Eastside Boyz, and Edwin McCain, was cancelled in 2004 in favor of Bobcat Nights. At some of these concerts, alcohol was permitted, so there is evidence that this has worked in the past. Of course, there are always concerns whenever alcohol is involved.

"There's gonna be some drunk freshmen," said junior biology major Andréa Walker. "That's like saying, 'Hello freshmen, feel free to drink.'"

Lindsey Brown, sophomore English major and a resident assistant at The Village at West Campus where the concert will be held, also voices similar concerns.

"I don't think it's a good idea. Freshmen can already find ways to drink, so to give them a chance to do it in public, probably isn't the smartest thing to do," Brown said.

Underage drinking is always an important consideration. Also, given that the concert is outside, there's a chance that someone may be able to sneak in some alcohol. However, because of the aforementioned security, that will be in place, Greene is confident no major problems will arise and alcohol at a school sponsored event is a change that the majority of the students will appreciate.

"There's always a possibility of a problem when alcohol is involved," Greene said. "I think with the amount that we're limiting it to, making sure that people are 21, keeping it in a homecoming setting so that it's not a downtown atmosphere, I personally think that allowing some alcohol at an event makes it more attractive to college students because they see it as a real event that is more in tune to their interests."

If the Sister Hazel concert proves to be successful, you can expect a large homecoming concert to be an annual event.

"We're trying to make Homecoming a bigger event," said Greene. "As long as it's successful this year and we don't have tons of arrests, I think we'll have it again next year."

For more concert and ticket information check out the Sister Hazel concert event page on Facebook or go to www.ticketweb.com.

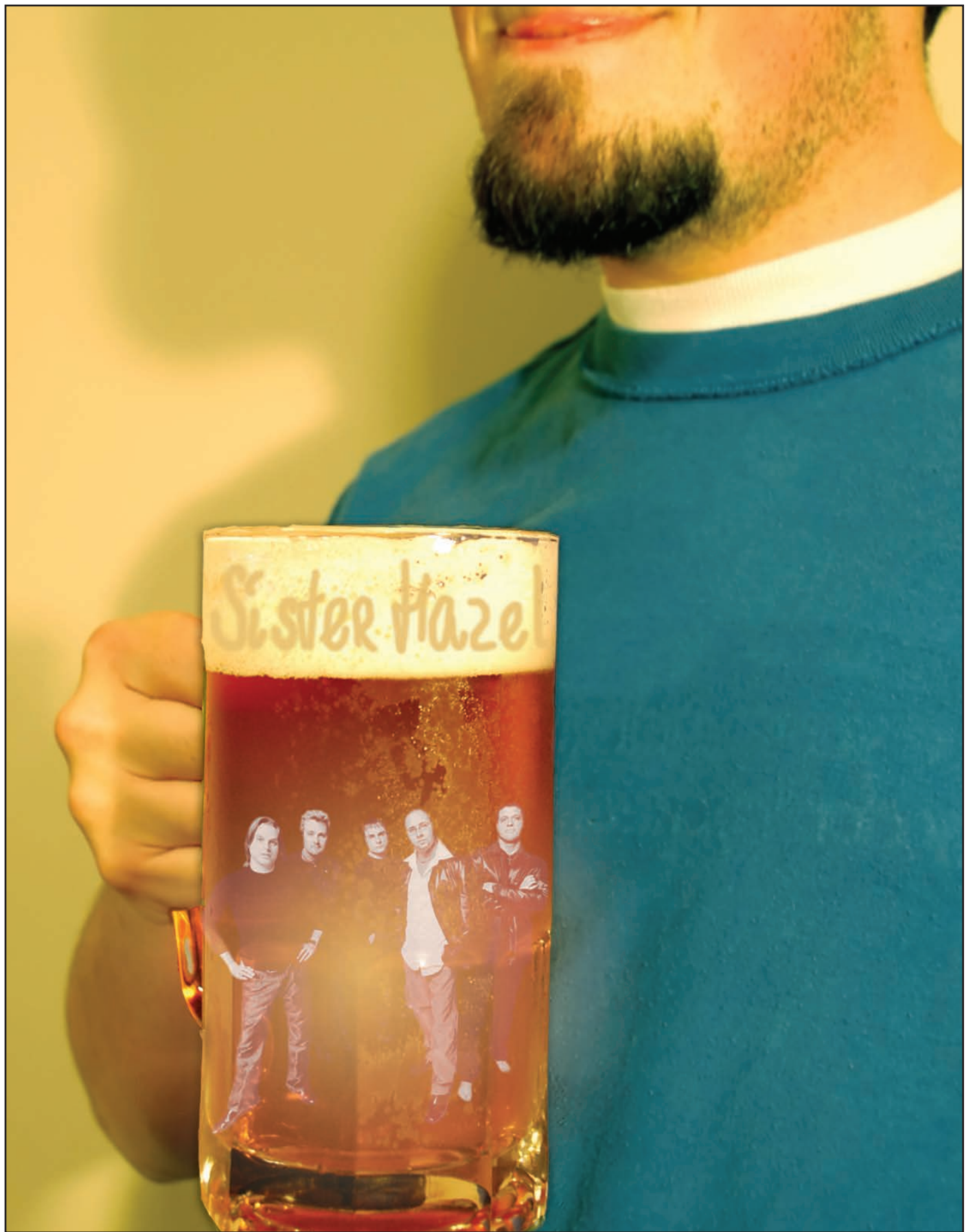


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Andalusia lecture series talks O'Connor, more

By ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF REPORTER

The Flannery O'Connor-Andalusia Foundation is sponsoring a lecture series at Andalusia throughout the month of February.

A tradition which began in 2006, the events are held in the main house dining room each Sunday, beginning at 3 p.m. A reception follows each lecture, where guests are invited to join the speaker for further discussion and may browse the gift shop if they so choose.

Mr. Craig Amason, executive director of The Flannery O'Connor - Andalusia Foundation, believes the series is very informative and allows visitors to feel welcome.

"We co-sponsor programs held at institutions, such as the college, but having lectures in the house at Andalusia provides a more relaxed atmosphere for the guests. I only wish we had more space," Amason said.

Dr. Marshall Bruce Gentry,

professor of English and editor of the "Flannery O'Connor Review" at GCSU and Andalusia Foundation board member, encourages diverse visitors.

"We want people with all sorts of different interests to find something they like out at Andalusia, and the lecture series, in February, is an introduction for people who are interested in anything the place has to offer," Gentry said.

Special guest welcomed to the O'Connor home this February include Dr. William Sessions, Dr. Melanie Devore, Dr. Cathy Fussell and Dr. Marjorie Johnson.

On Feb. 3, Sessions, regents professor emeritus at Georgia State University, and member of the Board of Directors of the Andalusia Foundation, discussed the relationship between Flannery O'Connor and Betty Hester. Sessions, literary executor of Hester, identified as 'A' in O'Connor's published letters, "The Habit of Being," vividly revealed insight into the life Hester, and told about the biogra-

phy he is currently writing regarding O'Connor.

Devore, Georgia Power Endowed professor of environmental science at GCSU, will be discussing plant species at Andalusia, as well as specific flowers grown on the property during the time in which O'Connor lived there.

Director of the Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians, Fussell will give a lecture on Feb. 17 concerning the writer, who was only twenty-three at the time her first novel was published. She will also explain the creation of the residency program located at McCullers's childhood home in Columbus, Ga.

Johnson, assistant professor in the Graduate Nursing Program at GCSU, will give a synopsis of lupus, the disease that claimed the lives of both Flannery O'Connor and her father, Edward O'Connor, Jr. She will also be joined by her daughter-in-law, Jenny Johnson, who is diagnosed with lupus.

The February lectures are free

Andalusia lecture series schedule

Feb. 3
William Sessions, regents professor emeritus at Georgia State University will discuss the relationship between O'Connor and Betty Hester.

Feb. 17
Cathy Fussell, director of the Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians in Columbus, Ga., will explain how Columbus State University has established a residency program in McCullers's childhood home.

Feb. 10
Melanie DeVore, professor of Environmental Science at GCSU, will talk about the plant species found at Andalusia.

Feb. 24
Margie Johnson, ssistant professor in the Graduate Nursing Program at GCSU, will provide an overview of the symptoms and treatments of lupus, the disease that took the life of Flannery O'Connor.

and open to the public. For the first time this year, three of the lectures will be available on Podcast, and can be accessed through the GCSU website and the Andalusia website. The websites for the Podcasts can be found at: itunes.gcsu.edu (under the Public Access link) and at <http://www.andalusiafarm.org>.

Ms. Beth Lanier, a junior psy-

chology major who attended the first lecture on Feb. 3, is looking forward to this month's program.

"I am excited (that there are) so many different perspectives (presented) both about O'Connor and about Andalusia," Lanier said. "I think the lecture series is diverse enough to interest students of any major."

Reynolds

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Management is doing what ever it has to do to ensure that Reynolds will stay open. The employees are aware of the situation but are happy to say that they are very minor changes.

"As far as I know, we are not really laying off a whole lot of people. We are mainly just cutting down on employee hours and things that aren't completely necessary and focusing on necessities and continuing to provide amenities," Clay Cousens, a long-time employee, said.

Layoffs will hopefully be the last resort. However the plantation's main concern, is to provide the members with what they need.

"I am under the impression that only two percent of the Reynolds's staff is being laid off. I have not been affected by this and don't think that I ever will be. The jobs that are not completely necessary are most likely the jobs that will be subject to layoffs. We just need to focus on what is most important right now," Kat Wall, a junior at GCSU and part-time employee, said.

Employees have also been told that there will be no pay increases. No raises

will be given until Reynolds can get there feet back on the ground.

"I can't see myself getting a raise any time soon. We just really need the real estate market to improve drastically," Cousens said.

Cousens and most of the other employees are happy with their current salary at Reynolds, but do hope that their pay will one day increase. It is not clear as to how long pay increases will be frozen. Until it is considered a primary necessity, nothing will be changed.

"I am still getting the hours I want. Nothing has drastically changed. I honestly do not know anyone who is really suffering

from these changes," Wall said.

Reynolds is no where near having to close. These changes are just precautions to prepare for the future. This family owned and operated business still offers many employee benefits for full-time, part time and seasonal employees, and is still hiring for many positions that are necessary to run a successful business.

The layoff scare has obviously not scared many of the employees. They are all very well-informed, but do not see it ever affecting them. Reynolds has put together a very strong business and staff and hopes to



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After the second incident of vandalism, the city paid a worker overtime to stay at the site to prevent vandalism. The city's plan was unsuccessful resulting in redoing the sidewalks for a third time.

Vandalism

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for the area residents and our visitors to have seen, and that's why we had to redo the sidewalk," Graham said.

Dr. Harshbarger, dean of students, and Dave Groseclose, director of Public Safety, are both suspicious that students may have been involved. The act seemed like a prank to Harshbarger because of the initials and dirty words that were drawn. According to Graham, sorority and fraternity symbols as well as nick names were also drawn onto the sidewalks. The location of the graffiti, which is on campus and close to the library, is another reason that Harshbarger suspected students' involvement.

Harshbarger sent out an e-mail to all GCSU

students to make sure everybody was aware of the situation and to try and make completing the rest of the sidewalks an easier task for the workers.

"We are patrolling to keep an eye on things, but there is no active investigation going on," Groseclose said.

Anybody seen vandalizing in the area is subject to arrest and students seen vandalizing will be charged under the GCSU Honor Code which could lead to expulsion from the university.

There was some debate over whether or not to continue fixing sidewalks in the area, but it has been decided that the project will continue.

"Our efforts to make Milledgeville a nicer place to live will continue. We want the kids to know it's their community too," Graham said.

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dren will never have to deal with that."

Hester was not the only person at the meeting who had been affected by cancer.

"I lost my Grandpa Stiles to cancer," said Stiles. "This hits close to home for almost everyone."

According to the Cancer Facts & Figures of 2007 supplied by the ACS, more than 1.4 million cases were expected to be diagnosed and more than 500,000 people were expected to die from cancer in 2007.

Last year, Baldwin County raised more than \$221,000. The goal this

year is \$225,000.

Relay for Life will take place April 11 and 12 at Walter B. Williams Park. The luminary ceremony will begin at 9 p.m., and bank night will be the week of April 7 at 6 p.m. at Century Bank.


Relay for Life is the hallmark event of the ACS to celebrate the lives of those who lost the fight to cancer, those who are currently battling cancer and the survivors. It is a celebration of life and a continuous campaign to research a cure.

For more information about Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society or how to get involved or for a list of events, visit the Baldwin County Relay for Life website events.cancer.org/rflbaldwincounty.



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The GIVE Center hosted a meeting last Tuesday explaining how Relay For Life will work this semester. The event will be running 24 hours to help raise money to battle cancer.



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Opted for Fat Tuesday over Super Tuesday? Well, here's what you missed:

BY CHRISTIN IVEY
STAFF REPORTER

This Tuesday, 24 states were up for grabs for the 2008 presidential election primaries, ending in a big win for the Republican front-runner, Senator John McCain and a close race between Democrats, putting Senator Hilary Clinton slightly ahead of Senator Barack Obama.

With 1,681 delegate votes on table for the Democratic candidates, and 1,020 delegates for the Republicans, Super Tuesday marked a pivotal role in determining the two 2008 presidential nominees; but the party isn't over yet.

To win either the Republican or Democratic Party presidential nominee, each candidate must win a certain amount of delegate votes allocated to each state based on population.

For the Republicans, a candidate must win 1,191 out of the 2,380 delegate votes; For the Democrats, a candidate must win 2,025 out of the 4,049 delegate votes to secure the nominee position.

As of press time, McCain leads the Republican Party with 703 delegate votes, followed by Romney with 269 and Huckabee with 190 votes. As for the Democrats, Clinton leads with 845 delegate votes followed closely by Obama with 765 votes.

Even though Obama won more states, Clinton won states like California and New York, which have higher amounts of delegates.

Unlike the Republican Party's "winner take all" approach to state delegate votes, the Democratic Party uses proportional representation when allocating each state's delegate votes. For example, Obama won 67 percent of the votes in Georgia, giving him 27 delegate votes, while Clinton received 31 percent, securing her only 18 delegate votes.

Bottom line: McCain seems to have the Republican Party nominee bid in the bag while the Democratic Party nominee is still up for grabs.

On Super-Tuesday night, members of GCSU's Young Democrats gathered in Bell Hall to watch the action unfold on MSNBC. "This is bigger than the Superbowl to me," Justin McDaniel, YD member, said.

As each state's votes were tallied and analyzed by political commentators, talk amongst the Young Democrats focused on the amount of young voter turnout especially



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WEB
Democratic Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton emerged from the nation's biggest-ever presidential primary night virtually deadlocked. Clinton leads with 845 delegate votes followed closely by Obama with 765 votes.

in Georgia.

"I'm excited that this election is bringing out a record number of young voters," Lauren Lawson, president of GCSU Young Democrats, said. "It's a really close race so far and I'm really nervous to see what happens after tonight."

According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution exit polls, over 77 percent of Georgia's voters between ages 18 and 29 voted for Obama, securing Obama 27 delegate votes out of Georgia's 45 delegate votes.

On the Republican side, Governor Mike Huckabee won all of Georgia's Republican delegates, largely in part due to the majority of votes from the under 30 age bracket.

At Wednesday's Times Talk, members of GCSU's political science honors society, Phi Sigma Alpha, led the discussion on post-Super Tuesday thoughts with 15 other GCSU students and faculty.

Topics ranged from Super Tuesday surprise state wins for candidates, speculation of potential running mates for the front-runners, the pros and cons of Obama versus Clinton, to the reasons behind increased student voter turnout.

Taylor Sellers, vice president of Phi Sigma Alpha, offered his opinion as to what makes this election more appealing to young voters.

"I think with this campaign, there is a feeling that we can change the future," Sellers said. "(The election) seems more polarized, but the ideas are more progressive, that's

Georgia primary facts

Democrats:

About 77 percent of voters ages 18 and 29, and about 74 percent of ages 30 and 44 voted for Barack Obama, according to exit polls.

The only age group going for Hillary Clinton was voters 60 and older, according to the exit polls.

Clinton beat Obama among whites, 57 percent to 39 percent, while Obama polled 88 percent of the black vote, according to polls.

Republicans:

Huckabee was aided by strong vote by Georgians concerned about religious beliefs and born-again or evangelical Christians.

Huckabee did particularly well among voters under 30, while John McCain and Mitt Romney were splitting those over 45.

Huckabee had high success among those whose income was less than \$50,000 a year, and voters no college degree.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WEB
Senator John McCain begins to emerge as the Republican frontrunner. As of press time, McCain leads the Republican Party with 703 delegate votes, followed by Romney with 269 and Huckabee with 190 votes.

why a lot more young voters turned out."

All in all, many speculate that the unprecedented young voter turn out in the 2008 presidential primaries may be a sign of things to come. Whether the Democratic Party nomination goes to Clinton or Obama, or if Romney pulls a miracle and takes the Republican bid from McCain—the 2008 presidential election might just be in the hands of young voters.

So put back on your Mardi Gras beads folks, the 2008 Presidential party has just begun.

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Science Bowl invades Centennial Center

BY JERRY CALBOS
STAFF REPORTER

The thirty-first Annual Regional Science and Engineering Fair, sponsored by the Science Education Center based in Herty Hall, took place at the Centennial Center, at GCSU on Feb. 1 and 2.

According to Dr. Rosalie Richards, Kaolin Endowed chair in Science, professor of chemistry and director of the Science Education Center, "(there were) over 150 students and over 100 projects. They could work on some projects as teams, pairs and even classes at the elementary level."

Each of the 100 projects was judged by a five member team, according to Richards.

The event showcased science and engineering projects from the seemingly simple "Do College Students Prefer Meat or Vegetables?" by Maya Mapp of Georgia Military College Preparatory Academy, to more complicated "Can the Proliferation of Exotic Plants be Contained by

Biological Control: Phase 3?" by Grace Stephens of Central High School. However, no matter the difficulty, students have been preparing their projects since August.

The fair was split into two divisions, Elementary Divisions, for Kindergarten through fifth grades, and Junior and Senior Divisions for sixth through twelfth grade students. The students came from Baldwin, Hancock, Bibb and Jones counties.

Richards was excited to have a major sponsor for the thirty-first Annual Regional Science and Engineering Fair. During the presentation ceremony for awards, Richards stated that for this year's Science and Engineering Fair "we have a major sponsor — GNS Technologies in Roberta, Ga., ... graciously awarded \$2,500."

GNS Technologies is a company affiliated with Dow Epoxy Systems, according to its website. Dow is a billion dollar multinational company with the "Element" com-

mercials shown on TV.

The fair was also funded by the Science Education Center, at GCSU's Chemistry and Physics Department.

The winners of the projects will bring prestige to the Middle Georgia Region and to GCSU. According to a press release, "Only highly-rated projects from the 6 through 12 grades are eligible to advance to state the state fair. Top projects from the 9 through 12 grades are eligible to advance to the international fair to be held in Atlanta in April."

The Science Education Center prepares teachers of science, and promotes science education throughout the seven county region of Middle Georgia (Baldwin, Hancock, Jasper, Johnson, Putnam, Washington and Wilkinson). Those students interested in learning more about the Science Education Center may check out the website <http://chemphys.gcsu.edu/sciencecenter/> or stop by 305 Herty Hall, during normal business hours.

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Circumstances affect student voting habits

BY SENIOR REPORTERS
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Growing up, children are constantly cultured in how and what to believe. The world around is constantly changing and evolving, and it is their obligation to determine the ideals that best represent who they are.

These values most widely range from simple patterns, such as personal preferences, to the more complex issues, such as religion. But one topic that requires major simplification is politics. As young adults, we must decipher through questions such as what are the important issues, what influences the way students perceive politics and why it is important to vote?

Survey Says

In the weeks leading up to "Super Tuesday," The Colonnade conducted a survey of GCSU students in order to get a better idea of what influences students when deciding what issues are important to them. Student apathy was a great concern before conducting the survey. Many people involved were convinced that a survey would be inconclusive because of the general lack of caring about politics on campus.

The results completely negated this idea. Even the least informed students still felt strongly about something, and not a single person surveyed disagreed that they were interested and followed political coverage. Everyone surveyed had an idea of the most important issues to students and, the state. In fact, 59 percent of the people surveyed were definitely planning on voting in Tuesday's primary and only 24 percent of the people weren't going to vote because of disinterest.

The three most important issues to students were education, the war and the economy. For the state of Georgia, 59 percent of students mentioned water and 65 percent mentioned education as the chief concerns for the state (a 2005 study done by the Center for American Progress found Georgia in the bottom 50 percent in nearly every education category besides Early Childhood Education).

The foremost influence on students was their families. Fifty nine percent of all students surveyed mentioned their family in one way or another in regards to influences on their stance on issues.

"My parents talk a lot about a belief in a culture war: the Christian right versus the atheist left."

- Daniel Shey,
GCSU junior

Family Roots

Sophomore political science major Daniel Shey, like the 59 percent mentioned above, established his moderate conservative views primarily through his family.

"Family was definitely the main source of my influence. Fox News was our main source of news," Shey said. "My parents talk a lot about a belief in a culture war: the Christian right versus the atheist left. Their spin on every story put it in terms of liberals cause wrong and strip away moral purpose."

Today Shey is a senator for SGA and regularly follows politics, especially with the primaries in full swing.

"I read a lot of online sources to get my news. I try to make sure to read unbiased sources like the 'Drudge Report' and 'Rasmussen,'" Shey said. "I look at the scoop from multiple angles to maintain the whole picture. I check online pretty much everyday, especially with the primary. This is the most intriguing primary in the last decade."

Shey also credits college as a major catalyst in his increased interest in politics.

"College was a big step in the way I perceived politics," Shey said. "The amount of information really changes what you think. There are many different levels of positive and negative, especially with professors and the way they illustrate it."

Many people feel threatened or overwhelmed by politics, but Shey ensures other students that it not something to be afraid of.

"Politics is a fairly complicated thing. It is a true conscious decision to determine whom to back. It can be hard to determine what you believe in and who feels the same as you," Shey said. "It isn't so complicated that the average

Joe couldn't get involved, but it does take a lot of sifting through candidates and terminology of policy. Each person must decide if it is worth the time and where they stand."

Apathy not an option

In the realm of politicking, an unfortunate stigma has been attached to young people at home and abroad. Either it's A: They don't care, or B: They don't know - and don't really care to know. It's a stigma that's been earned, and one not to relish.

John Raymond, a GCSU sophomore philosophy major, is at a loss by what influences people the most or not at all.

"Most people are only concerned with what effects themselves," Raymond said. "A proposed tax raise, intended to create funds to help less fortunate people, would be opposed by many people because they are more concerned with their personal desires than the needs of someone else."

Not all GCSU students, or college students in general, think this way about everything. Many GCSU students give their time regularly to charitable causes, volunteer work, or other forms of constructive campus involvement.

For instance, the GIVE Center, GCSU's headquarters for coordinating volunteer efforts for hundreds of GCSU students, consistently shows an annual increase in the number of students who donate their time to charitable causes around campus and in Milledgeville.

So what factors deter a student's desire to get involved and potentially 'rock the vote'?

"They (most college students) don't think it effects them," Raymond said. "People must see there is a world outside of their small sphere of contact and realize that there is more at hand than what's immediately happening around them."

That can be as simple as tuning in to the evening news each night. As the primaries pass and the election draws closer, the nation is inundated with information but we must be reminded; this is a good thing. The United States is "a government by the people." This nation was built on the premise that it is the people's decision - apathy is not a part of the picture.

"Voting is a valuable form of expression, even in minor elections," Shey said. "The political system is not what it should be but when we let apathy control us we only hurt ourselves."

Debate

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their candidate. DeWalt as Obama started the debate by explaining that "There is one America and Barack Obama wants to be the president of that America." Shey, exemplifying Paul's promises said, "I represent true change."

Debating began on the topic of the economy. White expressed McCain's support of cutting the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent and said "Americans would save sixty billion dollars a year."

Clinton's opinion, as expressed by Cheatham, about the economy was that "the Bush tax cuts will not be removed." Talk about oil fueled the debate with opinions such as Romney's. Ford spoke about Romney's support of the drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) region of Alaska.

Christopher Thibodeaux, the mediator of the debate, posed the question "What is your plan to get America off its foreign oil dependency?" to the pseudo-candidates. Cheatham presented Clinton's plan to "reduce dependency by two-thirds by 2030." Ford countered by presenting McCain's opinion to use tax credits to buy alternative fuel and fuel-efficient vehicles and his opposition of the ANWR drilling. Shey as Paul mentioned, "when the government interferes, problems come."

The debate continued with the topic of healthcare. Clinton's plan for mandatory universal healthcare would focus on

prevention programs and cost over 100 billion dollars, according to Cheatham.

DeWalt, as Obama, followed Cheatham's explanation by saying that the real difference between his (Obama's) and Clinton's plan for healthcare is that Clinton forces Americans to buy into it. Ford expressed Romney's plan for privatized healthcare.

Next, immigration quickly became a priority topic to be discussed. White as McCain was very adamant about saying "we need to secure our borders" and that until we do "we will not be safe." Handling immigration issues is clearly a high priority for the McCain campaign. DeWalt gave Obama's opinion that economy is at fault for the problems with illegal immigration. He also expressed that immigration needs to be controlled, and those doing so illegally need to be penalized for breaking the law.

Also, the issue of a wall to secure the southern border of America was brought up. DeWalt shot down the idea of a wall, which is supported by Paul, Romney and McCain. DeWalt said, "building a wall is not a practical solution" and made a reference to the Great Wall of China.

The final topic of the night, which was of the war in Iraq, was received with heavy debate. White spoke for McCain saying, "America won't leave until we win." Ford, representing Romney, agreed saying, "we have created a democracy and we are learning from our mistakes." DeWalt, representing Obama, disagreed. He said that "this is an illegal

war, an immoral war and unethical war." As far as solutions go, Obama's plans for a sixteen-month withdrawal being "as careful getting out as careless as we were getting in."

The debate closed with a simple question: Do you feel that we are better off now or eight years ago. Ford as Romney said that "in eight years a lot of things have improved." McCain's representative, White gave a similar statement about the lowest unemployment rate in the last thirty years and the lower inflation rate. Shey, speaking for Paul said "to think that we are better off is absolutely ridiculous" and that "homes have been broken because of this unnecessary war."

After the debate a short Q & A session took place. Jose Guerra asked about immigration saying that he as a Hispanic was "offended and appalled" by the idea of building a wall along the Mexican border. Guerra also explained the environmental and cultural problems that go a long with a wall.

After the debate, Mary Ford said that she felt the debate went well and that with the forty-plus attendees, there were more people there than she had expected.

Freshman early education major Hannah Callaway attended the debate and said that it reinforced her opinion. She was not very surprised. She has decided to vote for Romney. Will Jones of the Young Democrats said that he hopes that the debate will influence others to vote Democrat. We will let the votes speak for themselves.



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OUR VOICE

Thanks all around

The Colonnade went to Macon last week for the annual Georgia College Press Association awards, where we competed against many of the finest student newspapers in the state for a variety of different awards.

Well, we were waiting on tenterhooks for the announcement of the awards, and after several pulse-pounding minutes the results were revealed. Well, there's no way to say this without sounding just a little egotistical – we rock.

The Colonnade took home nine awards, including the much-coveted General Excellence award. In addition, The Colonnade won General Advertising Excellence, Best Campus Community Service in Sports, Best Campus Community Service in Editorial Excellence, placed second in Best Campus Community Service in Features and placed third in General Photography Excellence.

Several individuals from The Colonnade won individual awards as well. Photo Editor Erin Gish won third place in Best Photography in News. Sports Editor Corey Dickstein won third place in Best Sports Story. Recent graduate Sarah Ver Steeg won first place in Excellence in Investigative Reporting for an article about cutting as a form of stress relief.

So The Colonnade would like to thank all the members of the editorial staff for their hard work. Of course, we'd get nowhere without the writers, photographers, ad sales reps and P.R. personnel who keep us running from week to week. So once again, thanks very much to all the Colonnade staff.

But enough about us. We owe a giant thank you to everyone else who has contributed to our success.

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We owe a giant thank you to the administration of GCSU for allowing us the freedom they do and for always being willing to talk when we come calling. They also do a wonderful job corresponding with us so we are sure to cover the most important issues affecting the students.

And of course, who would we be without the students who constantly supply us with story ideas, suggestions and other criticisms that serve to make our paper the best it can be. We would also like to thank everyone for always being willing to speak to our reporters and to let your pictures run on our pages.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for reading us every week. Our readers are the reason we do the job we do, and you make it all worthwhile.

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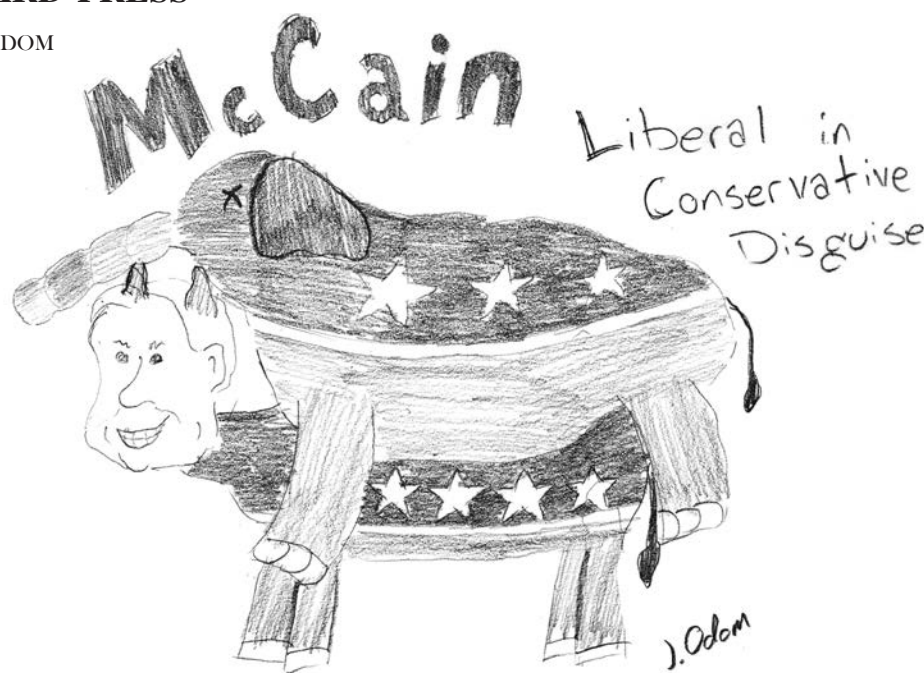
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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



Universal healthcare a very bad idea



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

There is a threat to our national security that is flying under the radar. The threat that I'm talking about has nothing to do with Al Qaeda or other Islamic Terrorists. The threat is actually being perpetrated by Americans who have taken an oath to protect the Constitution of the United States.

Who am I talking about? The answer is liberals on both the Republican side and Democratic side. These liberals believe there is an inherent right in the Constitution to medical care. They like to call it "free" health care, but if you look at it, their health care comes at a dangerous cost.

I am not arguing that these misinformed liberals are terrorists. I know that they don't mean to purposely harm the American public, and I'm sure they believe that in Karl Marx's utopic Communist system that this is actually a good idea. Hopefully they'll read this article or just study the basic facts and they will see their plan is unneeded and possibly destructive to every American.

We should cover the background of the current state of health care first. In 2004 health care was a 1.79 trillion dollar industry which is about 15.5 percent of the national GDP and also roughly 1/6 of our nation debt. There was average spending of \$6,167 per person on health care related costs in

2004. I wouldn't be surprised if that has gone up in recent years.

The Census Bureau states that there are 46.577 million people in the United States without health care. That seems like a lot. But who makes up that astoundingly large number? The first 9.487 million are what liberals like to call undocumented workers, and what the law likes to call illegal aliens.

What we're left with is about 37 million American citizens that are uninsured. That still seems like a lot, especially in the richest country on Earth. However, not all Americans are uninsured because of poverty. There are 8.3 million Americans that are uninsured that make between 50 and 75 thousand dollars. At even the low end of \$50,000 an individual could certainly afford health insurance if they so chose. But they'd rather spend it on better vacations, a bigger TV, maybe even a better house and that is their decision. But someone who earns above \$75,000 would certainly buy health insurance, right? That's not what the facts say. There are 8.74 million Americans that earn above \$75,000 per year and still decide not to buy health insurance. And in America they should have that freedom even if we consider it irresponsible.

Out of 37 million uninsured Americans, 17 million are easily wealthy enough to afford it. That leaves us with roughly 20 million uninsured Americans that make below \$50,000. Many of these uninsured Americans actually qualify for programs like Medicare or Medicaid but never take the time to sign up, or don't realize they are eligible to sign up. Taking this into account, the liberal non-profit group, Kaiser Family Foundation, finds that

only about 8.2 million uninsured Americans earn below \$50,000 and don't qualify for government programs. That means throughout America less than 3 percent of Americans can't afford medical insurance and don't qualify for any current government programs. And it's not even that bad. The Congressional Budget Office reports that 45 percent of the 8.2 million that fall through the cracks will be uninsured for four months or less. In reality, less than 1.5 percent of all American citizens will go without insurance for longer than 4 months. This goes to show that the free market will correct itself, even without government intervention.

I know our health care system has flaws, but is it really that bad? Hillary Clinton just this past weekend in an interview with George Stephanopolous said that she would be willing to garnish every American's paycheck to put her socialist health care system into effect. This means that she would claim every American's hard earned dollars to create a government run health care system. This goes to show under a second Clinton presidency your money isn't yours. It's just in your possession until the government claims it. If she really was pro-choice in health decisions you would think she would allow Americans the freedom to exempt out of her plan.

There are two very scary thoughts about the notion of socializing health care. Liberals are trying to take over a sector of our economy that is 15.5 percent of our GDP. Because less than 1.5 percent of Americans don't have health insurance, liberals are devising a plan to take over 1/7 of our entire economy. I don't trust the

government running my DMV much less my health care decisions.

The second scary thought is that we currently have the best health care system in the world, and we might lose it. When Europeans need a surgery, do they get in the three month waiting line for a surgery? No, they get in the 13 hour waiting line for a flight here to have their surgery. Sure our system has flaws. But there are other solutions.

For one thing, increase the number of doctors able to graduate with medical degrees. That quota hasn't increased since the early 1900s, while our national population has multiplied. Other solutions include tort reform to lessen the costs of malpractice insurance. Another idea is to allow registered nurses be allowed to perform minor surgeries, they already have the knowledge to do it. Lastly, there should be a trade agreement reached with Canada so pharmaceuticals in America will be allowed to purchase and sell Canadian prescription drugs.

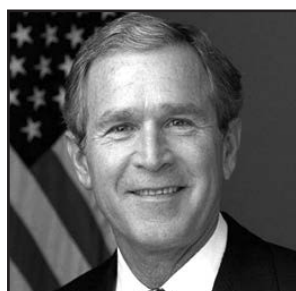
If the cost of health care can become cheaper and more affordable, the government would be able to expand their current programs to encompass even more poor, uninsured Americans without requiring additional funds. And with more affordable health care, the uninsured wealthy might actually find health care to be a bargain and buy an insurance plan.

Liberals reading this probably aren't too scared by the idea of government run health care. So, just to send a shock wave through you: imagine George Bush running your health care plan.

Yeah, I thought so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be involved before making claims

Dear Editor,

This past week I was shocked to read the convoluted ideas and empty words to suffice an outlandish accusation and verbal attack on GCSU's student government. I commend the writer of last week's rant on SGA and RSA for trying to voice their opinions, but making RSA and SGA the scapegoat for his or her own boredom on campus is merely a matter of their own personal idleness.

In order for your voice to be heard in those organizations, you actually have to show up to the meetings. It is up to you as a student to

voice your own opinions and actually vote. For someone to brazenly state that "the residential body is not only being misrepresented, but also ignored," is a complete fallacy supported by nothing but apparent laziness. The idea that SGA is "continuing to satisfy their own political agendas" is ludicrous.

The members of SGA have worked long hours to make this campus lively and enjoyable, their sponsorship of The Sweetwater Festival and The Fight Before Christmas are just a few events that have successfully satisfied the student body. Instead of a backlash to RSA and SGA,

how about a quick "Thanks."

My advice for this annoyed "supposed" member of RSA is to attend the meetings and voice their opinions in a mature manner. If they are still unhappy with the outcome of their request, perhaps they should consider running for the morally upstanding and reverent SGA or RSA delegate position for the Fall of 2008. I don't believe an emotional vendetta aimed at the merited students who run RSA and SGA is in order.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn MacDonell
freshman

U.S. economy not threatened

Dear Editor,

Apropos your article "Democrats can bring needed change" by Jerry Calbos, Columnist, I am not going even close to the never ending and (aptly termed as) "ear bleeding" debate of democrats or republicans.

I would like to correct my friend's view on weaker U.S. economy vis-à-vis India & China. Let me quote an African proverb here, "Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It does not matter if you are a lion or gazelle. When the sun comes up, you better start running."

This proverb is glove fitting to the fundamentals of any trade (domestic or international). Blaming U.S. slowdown on India or China is naïve, shallow and totally against the well

established economic fundamental theories. David Ricardo (1772-1823) was an English economist who established the free trade theory of comparative advantage, which stipulates that if each nation specializes in the production of goods in which it has cost comparative advantage and then trades with other nations for goods in which they specialize, there will be overall gain in trade, and overall income level should rise in each trading country.

In the words of Thomas Friedman, three time winner of Pulitzer Prize and author of "The World Is Flat," (which was on the New York Times Best Seller list from its publication in April 2005 until May 2007), "...idea based workers do well in globalization and fortunately America as a whole has more idea-driven workers than any country in the world... That is why America, as a whole, will do fine in the flat world with free trade-provided it continues to churn out

knowledge workers who are able to produce idea-based goods that can be sold globally and who are able to fill knowledge jobs that will be created as we not only expand the global economy but connect all knowledge pools in the world ... Indian and Chinese are not racing us to the bottom. They are racing us to the top-and that is a good thing."

The problem for U.S. economy is not India or China but its own bad decision both at domestic frontier (sub prime lending) and at international frontier (war in Afghanistan and Iraq). The glorious nation of the USA is just a wounded lion who is temporarily constipated with the new ideas and leader, which would make it start running once again, the lion has been running a little slow and starving.

And what is more dangerous and aggressive than a starving lion?

Sincerely,

Aman Khanna
grad student

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- The article "Students, faculty change opinions about abortion" in the Feb. 1 issue was attributed to Amanda Boddy. The article was actually written by Christin Ivey.
- In the article "All wires are connected" a photo outline was misleading. The safety hotline pictured is for use by faculty and staff only, and all callers are anonymous. The photo was also a photo illustration.

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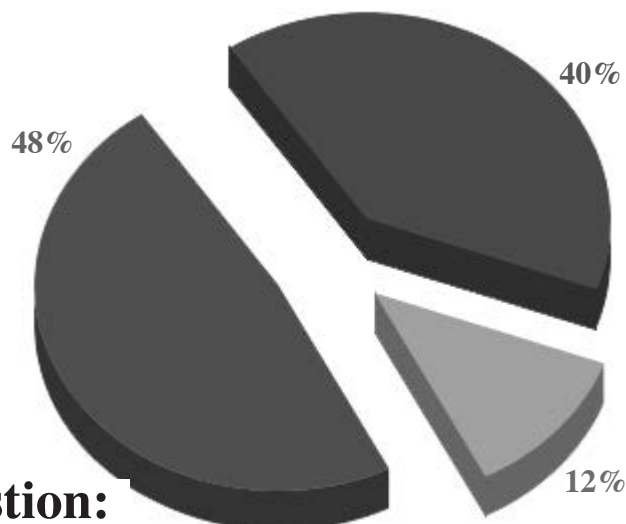
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GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

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Yes 40%
No 48%
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What did you think of the Super Bowl and the winning team?



"I thought it was a really good game but I have no opinion on either team. I wanted the Steelers to be in the Super Bowl."

Elizabeth Krull, sophomore, management

"I didn't see the Super Bowl which is sad, because apparently it was a really good game."

Leanna Wharram, freshman, English



"Bogus!"

Taylor Forester, freshman, undeclared

"It sucked. I talked a lot of trash saying the Patriots were going to win and we got our butts kicked."

V. Camille Fonseca,
sophomore, early childhood education



"I'm not really into football, so I just picked a team, the Patriots. I was disappointed because it wasn't a team I was familiar with."

Renee Zachary,
sophomore, early childhood education

Reported by Erin Gish

The Litter Box

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Are there anymore good, kind, chivalrous guys left on this planet? If so, come find me and my girlfriends.

The freshman complained so much about having to walk around construction that a shuttle now has to go around Bobcat just to pick them up right outside of their building. Why is it that they can't walk across the field like I dunno...everyone else does?

To the person who wrote in to the litter box last week - you live in the dorms, walk your lazy butt to class, it's called a jacket. The people at Bobcat can't really walk, so start working on those freshmen 15.

People who live in Sanford and Wells ... is it REALLY all that hard on you to WALK to campus? It's not that far! And here's a novel idea: if it's raining, bring an umbrella. Or a raincoat. COME ON! Oh, and thank you, staff of Colonnade. I like irony, too.

To the Midsouth Federal Credit Union manager in the bookstore:
Next time you run an ad in the GCSU school newspaper, look up and read the signs in your own building that say GC&SU CLOSE-OUT. They aren't losing 50 percent profit for nothing. It's called branding. And you want me to trust you with my money? P.S. - I might change my mind but please don't give me that ugly as hell t-shirt. Also, please add in that the offer expired on Sept. 7, 2007. I don't care if you change the wording up - you get my point. The ad sucks.

Why don't you stop being a Negative Nancy ... wait, I mean Debbie Downer ... my B.

Miss Kitten lovveess kitties. I actually own a full-on cat suit. But the other day I took it one step too far when I decided to use the bathroom at the volleyball courts near my apartment. I've been a baaddd kitty ... Just wanted to apologize. Hsss Hsss Meeeoowwwwwwwww!!

To the "dorm dweller" who vented about the small campus shuttles: Why don't you try getting off your lazy booty and walking to class? Contrary to what you may think, exercise is actually good for you (And no, rain doesn't make you melt either). I promise that if you're not riding the shuttle you'll have no reason to complain if it's all filled up.

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Brandon was the first, but not the last...

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Hoop dancer wows crowd

APRIL ARGO
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Former World Champion Hoop Dancer Eddie Swimmer stepped in front of over 100 students on the stage of Russell Auditorium dressed in traditional American Indian garb. He began to explain the reason he travels around the country making appearances at schools, festivals and churches.

"I want to tear down stereotypes and share my culture," Swimmer said to the crowd.

He went on to talk about the traditional hoop dance he would perform and the history of his people - the Cherokee Indians.

The Hoop Dance uses between 36 and 42 hoops, and different arrangements of the hoops make different symbols including the eagle, turtle and butterfly. Traditional music accompanied the dance making the feeling in the room one of empowerment and importance.

Audience members were in awe of Swimmer's performance. He taught volunteers from the audience a few steps to the dance and let others play instruments.

He ended the performance with a circle dance where all the onlookers participated. Swimmer challenged them with homework which involved learning their heritage and to being proud of it. Sophomore creative writing major Erin

Williams took the challenge to heart.

"It wasn't what I was expecting but in a good way. It was really inspirational and interesting," Williams said. "It made me want to learn more about my heritage."

Swimmer's heritage is the motivation behind all of his performances. He grew up on a reservation in North Carolina where he still lives today. He took the heritage and traditions he was taught by his family and turned it into a performance he now uses to educate people about American Indian culture.

"Just seeing kids - well, mostly grownups - talking after a show joking about all the old stereotypes, made me decide to let people know what we really do, and how we actually live," Swimmer said.

Swimmer has performed in New York City in the 1993 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and at the World Cup in 1994 in Dallas, Texas. He also performed at the Centennial Olympics in 1996 in Atlanta. He is also featured on a U.S. postage stamp doing the hoop dance as part of the "Native American Dance Series."

Swimmer's experience in show business is extensive. He choreographed the hoop dance in the Broadway musical hit "Annie Get Your Gun." He founded the dance group Native Movements. He is currently the assis-



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Internationally renowned hoop dancer Eddie Swimmer gives a colorful and energetic performance at Russell Auditorium.

tant director of the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills." He has also worked with actors like Tom Cruise, Robert Redford and Goldie Hawn.

While he was at GCSU, Swimmer worked with the cast of "Coyote Pointe," the upcoming spring play. He talked the cast about what being an American Indian

means. He told stories and gave some history to help the actors give depth to their American Indian characters.

Warren Downs is a cast member of "Coyote Pointe."

"I think having Eddie Swimmer here will give this play a level of authenticity we cannot achieve by ourselves," Downs said.

Swimmer is a man of

the modern world. He strives, though, to bring American Indian heritage into the new millennium so it always survives.

"Past generations felt it was necessary to drop the culture and heritage in order to move forward and make a living," Swimmer said. "Now, generations want it all back. We are proud and

want to bring the tradition back. Teaching people outside the culture is one way I can do that."

To learn more about Swimmer, American Indian culture or hoop dancing, visit his website at <http://eddieswimmer.lo-ri-h.com>.

Meet the Artist



Swimmer uses between 36 and 42 hoops during his performances.

His heritage is from both the Eastern Band of Cherokee in North Carolina and the Chippewa-Cree Nation. He was raised, and currently resides, in the Big Cove Community of the Qualla Boundary (reservation in N.C.).

Learned dancing from his family and by watching traditional Cherokee dancers. He attended Western Carolina University and Brigham Young University and moved to Albuquerque New Mexico, and studied with Tony Whitecloud, founder of the modern Native American Hoop dance.

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Swimmer has performed all over the world from Broadway to local universities such as GCSU.



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Swimmer creates inspiring shapes with his hoops, such as the globe as pictured above.

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Q & A with guest artist Josh McGuire *Guitarist per- forms classics*



KATIE RAEGAN/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Josh McGuire performs at Max Noah Recital Hall.

CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

Guest artist Josh McGuire sat down with the Colonnade to discuss his performance and how even as a pro, he has his doubts too.

Colonnade: Overall, how did you think the performance went?

McGuire: You know, I think as a musician one loses the ability to be completely happy with a performance after a while ... there are always some unexpected mistakes that bother you afterwards, keep you awake. And yet one remembers that the important thing is for people to come together and hear live music - which is simply to hear time pass in special way, a more intense way, to listen to a story and enjoy themselves. And people seemed to have that experience, so in that sense I feel it was a success.

Colonnade: You said that Elogio de la Danza was one of your favorites - is there a specific reason why? (And what exactly does the title mean itself?)

McGuire: The title means

"Elegy of the Dance" - I think it's one of my favorites because it leaves you a degree of rhythmic and dramatic license as a performer, a lot of room to play with time and color. There are always sounds that come out of the guitar that surprise me in that piece.

Colonnade: Was this your first time performing at GCSU?

McGuire: It was not -- my wife Jennifer and I taught here last year, and I had the wonderful experience of performing with Dr. Richard Greene at that time.

Colonnade: Were you happy about the turn out or did you expect more people to come out?

McGuire: I was very happy, considering I was playing during the SuperBowl! I'm always glad to see people in the audience - I think for some musicians that's a scary feeling, especially at first, but for me it's always been a friendly, exciting thing to see walking out on stage. No matter how it goes, there's always a sense of privilege for me in having an audience.

Colonnade: Did you enjoy

performing with Wendy Mullen?

McGuire: I adored it -- Wendy is a great friend and a really super musician. We had so much fun putting the program together on short notice that I was sad for it to be over!

Colonnade: As a young musician what was something you struggled with? And how did you overcome it?

McGuire: Like a lot of young musicians, I of course despised practicing. I still don't trust someone who says they really love it all the time - it's hard work, and there's no arrival point, no point at which you can say, "It's finished," or "It's ready." But once you drop the need for instant gratification, for results, then there does come a quiet sort of joy at the long, slow pace of what you're doing. That's how I've come to relate to my practice, at least for now.

Colonnade: Do you play any other instruments at this time?

McGuire: Yes, but only when no one else is listening!

Recital worth a listen



CHELSEA THOMAS
REVIEWER

Josh McGuire, a world renowned guitarist now teaching at Vanderbilt University, and soprano Wendy Anne Mullen, Vocal coordinator and associate professor of Voice at GCSU, performed in the Faculty Recital on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Beginning the performance with "Two Italian Lute Pieces," McGuire quickly captivated the audience with his fervent partnership with his guitar. McGuire did not just play the necessary notes, he actively engaged on the musical selection. Like a true musician, McGuire did not conglomerate noise; rather he gave his guitar a voice.

Numerous students appeared to enjoy McGuire's second instrumental selection, "Chaconne." Written in the Renaissance time period,

the song was composed by J.S. Bach. McGuire gave the piece soul. When on the stage he was a mix between a classical and traditional musician, and "Chaconne" truly expressed this.

Most of the songs McGuire played were a success. As expected, there were barely any errors in his performance. Surprisingly, the show was far from boring, even for those without a cultured appreciation for classical music. The general solo performance given by McGuire was solemnly exquisite. His choice of quiet, retrospective music calmly intrigued the audience.

Wendy Anne Mullen joined after the short intermission. Together McGuire and Mullen performed some of the most challenging pieces in classical music. After the initial opening piece known as "Bachianas Brasilieras No. 5," most guests were equally impressed with the magnitude of the tone - Mullen's voice reverberated in all corners of the room.

The rest of the evening contained French Folk and Spanish songs. Some of the students particularly enjoyed the French comical pieces of "J'ai descendu" and "Marguerite, elle est malade." Specifically,

"Marguerite, elle est malade" was about a woman that would rather get drunk than take her medicine.

Each song was an individual testimony to the immense talent of the performers. The professionalism of the show was expected, but the great companionship of Mullen's voice and McGuire's guitar was less predictable.

The crowd had an astonishing 45 people attend. Once again, our students have proved apathetic and unsupportive to faculty recitals. Yet, students get some credit considering the Superbowl was at the same time. It is just disappointing to see such an amazing performance go unrecognized and unappreciated.

In general, the performance itself was well-organized and nicely executed. McGuire expressed a direct kinship between his guitar and himself. Mullen's voice was commanding and potent. With the mixture of McGuire's guitar and Mullen's voice, the performance was nothing short of magnificent.

Chelsea Thomas enjoys writing and she also enjoys music. On occasion, she likes to do both and share her experiences.

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An outSTANDing performance

ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

Marlon Washington probably gave a performance of a lifetime. Well, at least enough to convince, nay, secure the title of 2008 GCSU idol.

Washington gave a performance so soulful and passionate that is was enough to make the crowd wonder if it was a church service. Performing "Stand" by gospel great and Grammy-award winner Donnie McClurkin, Washington kept the audiences at the edge of their seats as his powerful chords and velvet smooth voice stirred the packed Russell Auditorium on Feb. 1.

"This is a meaningful song—it's an annointed song," Washington, a sophomore psychology and criminal justice major, said to the awed crowd. "You know that God will see you through."

Washington's perform-

ance was certainly the winningest performance but the other contestants most definitely delivered perhaps the best "Idol" event yet.

Even sometimes snarky and critically honest judge Philip Joiner couldn't help but be impressed by this year's show.

"The caliber of the talents this year has just surpassed any other year," Joiner said. "And I've judged this competition for four years."

And the audiences definitely mirrored the infectious nature of the show. The very spirited crowd brought in numerous fan clubs to support their favorite idol.

"I'm here to support Mary Zehner," Katey Elliot, a senior art major said. "But it's definitely more than that. This is my third and I think it's gotten even better and more organized."

The contestants sang a variety of songs crossing

several genres from country, pop, and yes, even hip-hop.

Audiences also enjoyed the entertainment provided by the judges. Jimbeau Hinson, guest judge who is also a popular country songwriter, seemed to be a crowd favorite.

"I love this crowd," Hinson said. "And you sure grow 'em pretty here in Georgia."

During the result show and benefit concert featuring the Dave Matthews Tribute Band, GCSU Idol presented several awards.

Judges Choice Award was given to Sophomore Dustin Wilson for his "flawless" performance of "Home" by Chris Daughtry.

SGA president, Ryan Greene, was at hand to enjoy the show.

"SGA is definitely thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful program," Greene said. "This is where the student funds go and we're glad that the student

body is enjoying it.

Washington will be definitely a tough act to follow.

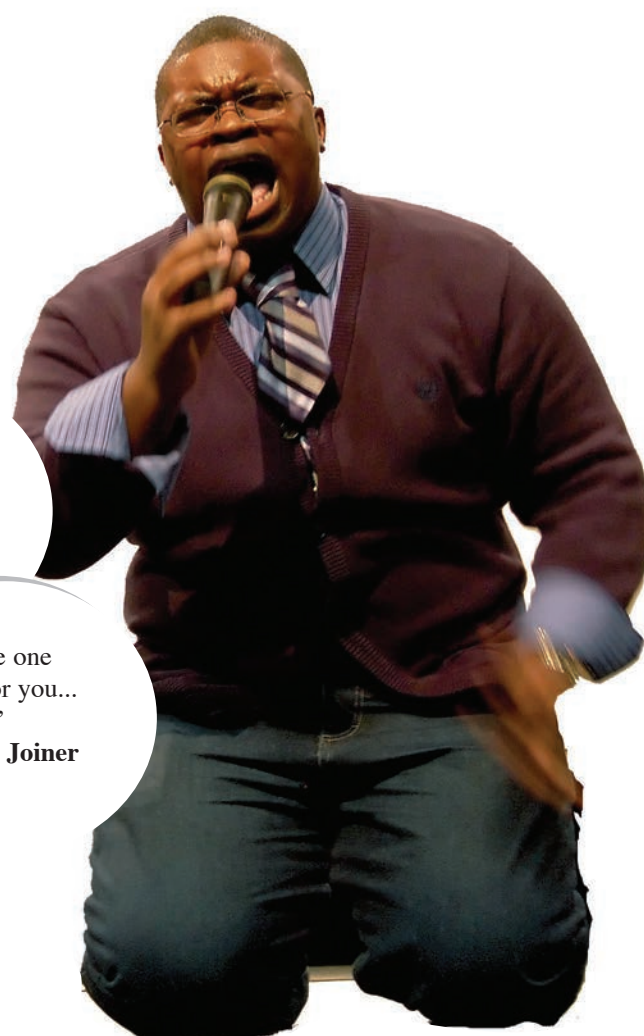
"I'm really honored and humbled to win GCSU idol," Washington said. "I'm excited to see what's in store for me."

What the judges said:

"You have vocal chords made out of titanium."
~Dr. Jennifer Flory

"I wrote one word for you... 'YES.'"
~Philip Joiner

"Can you say 'WOW?'"
~Jimbeau Hinson



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Seen & Heard



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Far Left: Senior Ajayi Monell, worked the crowd as he performs hip-hop single "Shawty was a ten" complete with back-up dancers. Center: Mass Communications majors Mary Zehner and Mallory Jones help each other out backstage. Right: Faculty guest representative, Jennifer Cash, gives a stirring performance showcasing her vocal prowess.

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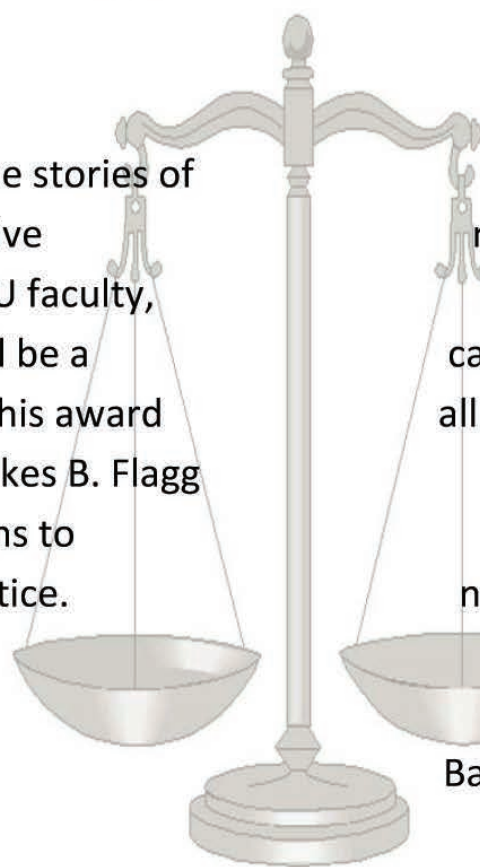
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A GCSU era ends as Aldridge retires



ALDRIDGE

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

After 17 years as GCSU's Athletic Director, Dr. Stan Aldridge announced that he will retire at the end of March.

During Aldridge's tenure GCSU's athletics have thrived, producing 13 Peach Belt Conference championships in baseball, men and women's basket-

ball, golf and women's tennis.

"I've been very happy here," Aldridge said. "I came here 33 years ago as the (men's) basketball coach and the whole university was actually pretty depressing. The athletics were not very good and the buildings were in pretty bad shape, and I thought, well this is an opportunity to move into college coaching

at the four year level."

Aldridge never expected to spend so much time at GCSU.

"I thought I'd probably be here a couple of years and move on," he said. "But, (GCSU) kind of grew on me. I started to see a lot of positive changes, especially when (late Athletic Director) Mike Peeler came in as athletics director. From that point to today,

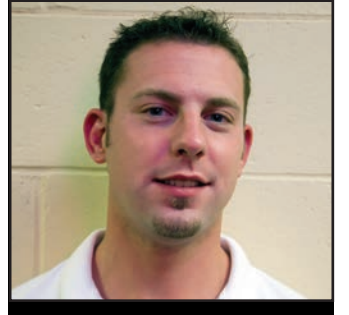
we've made an awful lot of positive changes and become competitive in one of the toughest Division II conferences in the nation."

Aldridge has also been instrumental in improving the athletics facilities on campus.

During his tenure, the Centennial Center was

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Lady Bobcats primed for 2008

Over the years a tradition has been established in the GCSU athletic department. That tradition is winning.

The winning tradition does not exclude the softball team, and this year's version of the Lady Bobcats hopes to prove exactly that.

The team enters the season ranked No. 3 in the Peach Belt Conference and No. 23 nationally.

Fortunately for the ladies, they have a strong crop of players returning from last seasons team that finished 35-21.

GCSU did not live up to high expectations, after being picked to win the PBC last year, but there is not reason the team should feel like they have anything to prove.

Key returning players include junior pitcher Mandy Chandler, who was named to the pre-season all PBC team. Chandler had an outstanding 2007 campaign in which she went 22-12 with a 1.33 ERA and an impressive 280 strikeouts.

Other returning players that should make an impact for the Lady Bobcats include senior catcher Shelby Lindsey and senior outfielder Brianna Hope.

GCSU has also added some top recruits for their 2008 season.

Junior Kori Pickowitz will see time at both first and third base after transferring from Young Harris College.

Another junior college transfer, junior Sherquita Bostick will man centerfield. Bostick comes from Santa Fe Community College, where she showed her exceptional speed and power to catch GCSU coaches' eyes.

The Lady Bobcats have been working very hard in the offseason, and with some key victories can definitely pull off a PBC championship this season.

The ladies see their first action this weekend when the travel to Aiken, S.C. for the Early Bird Tournament where they will be tested early facing No. 21 ranked Kutztown University.

The team's first home game is Feb. 27 when the Lady Bobcats will battle the University of West Georgia at the Peeler Complex at West Campus.

Basketball teams split week 1-1

BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF REPORTER

Both the men's and women's GCSU basketball teams were in action twice this week.

Saturday, Feb. 2 was rough on both squads, as they each dropped contests to tough Augusta State University teams.

The Lady Bobcats fell hard to the Lady Jaguars 85-62. The team started off well but was then overwhelmed by a talented ASU offense. GCSU also could not find the net, shooting a horrendous 28 percent for the game, including three-of-34 from behind the arc.

"We couldn't throw (the ball) in the ocean," Head Coach John Carrick said. "We shot the ball a ton, and got a bunch of rebounds. We just couldn't score."

Senior forward Ashley Williams had yet another double-double, her eighth of the season, and led all scorers with 19 points.

The total pushed her over 1,000 for her career, only the eleventh player in GCSU women's basketball history to reach that milestone.

Junior guard Emily Bixler hit the glass hard, snatching nine offensive rebounds and 14 total.

The men's team played the Jaguars close, but would ultimately fall 88-81.

Senior center Aaron Clark recorded his third consecutive double-double, while sophomore guard Graham Martin led all scorers with 23 points on nine-of-18 shooting, including five-of-ten from behind the arc.

Junior guard Shaun Keaton had an off night by his standards, but made up for it by going eight-for-ten from the free throw line to finish with 21 points.

The Bobcats had to deal with an extremely balanced offense by the Jaguars, with all five starters recording double digit points. Garret Siler, the outstanding center for ASU, led the way with 22 points and ten boards.

"We dug ourselves a hole early," said Head Coach Terry Sellers. "But I was proud of our guys for battling back and making it close."

On Monday, Feb. 4, the teams hosted The University of North Carolina at Pembroke for their second home games in a row.

First up were the Lady Bobcats, losers of three in a row, against a Lady Braves squad that has had a tough year and sat near the bottom of the conference.

This game could have been a scrimmage for GCSU, but UNCP had other ideas. The outmanned Lady Braves gave an outstanding effort against a Lady Bobcat team that seemed disinterested from the start. Only with a few late defensive stops and free throws did GCSU put away the pesky Lady Braves 62-56.

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Defending champs sweep 'Cats in opening weekend

BY SCOTT THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Saturday, at John Kurtz Field, the GCSU Bobcat baseball team endured a doubleheader sweep by the No. 1 ranked University of Tampa Spartans.

"We have to be slightly discouraged," said first-year head coach Tom Carty. "You don't want to be 0-2 after a doubleheader. We've got things to work on."

The Bobcats displayed talent and skill in the first game, an 11-inning heartbreaker. They played well in the 6-5 loss, out-hitting the Spartans 15-11 and committing fewer errors in the field. But the deciding factor was timely hitting, and the Bobcats stranded 18 runners in the loss.

Tampa struck first in the third inning with a 3-0 lead, but the Bobcats fought back late. They tied the game with two outs in the eighth inning on a wild pitch following back-to-back singles by sophomore outfielder Sean Harrell and sophomore short-stop Chandler Snell. Neither team scored in the ninth, and fans in attendance received a free baseball.

In the top of the tenth, Tampa regained the lead. Spartan short-stop Jesus Barroso reached with a bunt single, and then scored on Paul Cruz's triple. But the Bobcats weren't done.

Harrell again ignited the offense in the bottom half of the inning, reaching on a walk and stealing second. After advancing to third on a wild pitch, he scored on Snell's sacrifice fly to



BOBBY GENTREY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore first baseman Matt Pitts slides into third base on Saturday at John Kurtz field. Pitts and the Bobcats had a tough weekend dropping both games to the University of Tampa to open the 2008 season.

tie the game at five.

A ruthless Tampa offense again scored once in the top of the eleventh, and the Bobcats again had to answer.

After two outs in the bottom half of the inning, senior second baseman Tommy Rice and Harrell knocked back-to-back singles, and it appeared the game would require even more innings. Snell followed with a

shot into right, but it was hit directly at the rightfielder, and the Bobcats fell just short, 6-5.

Clete Jessup earned the no decision, giving up three earned runs over five innings in his start. Harrell proved to be the offensive spark plug for the game, as he reached base four

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'Cat tennis and golf ready in '08

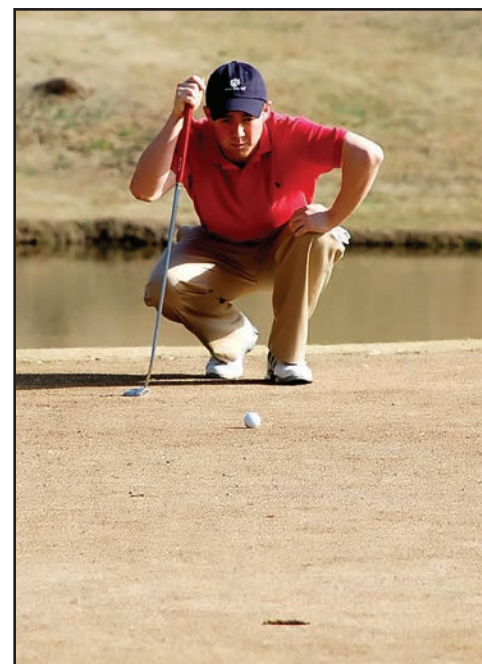


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Left: Senior Tom Bertucci swats a ball in practice at the Centennial Center courts. The men's tennis team will start its season at home on Friday when they host Morehouse College.

Right: Senior Kyle Collins reads the green during practice. The team travels to Lakeland, Fla. on Monday for the Matlock Invitational.

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Upcoming Sports

Men's Basketball:

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. @Armstrong

Women's Basketball:

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. @Armstrong

Tennis:

Friday (men) 2 p.m. Morehouse

Saturday 1 p.m. Georgia SW

Baseball:

Sat.-Sun. @UAB- Huntsville

Tuesday 3 p.m. Shorter

Softball:

Sat.-Sun. Tourn. @Aiken, S.C.

Golf:

Mon.-Tues. Tourn. @Lakeland, Fl.

Stat of the Week

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The number of double-doubles senior center Aaron Clark recorder in a row in three games for the Bobcats basketball team.

Tennis eyes opening weekend at home

BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU tennis teams begin action this weekend, when the men's team hosts Morehouse College on Friday and both teams face Georgia Southwestern State University on Saturday.

Neither team has played in official matches since the fall semester, when they took part in three tournaments, the last being the Chick-Fil-A Collegiate Championships in Augusta.

Expectations are high for both teams, as they each begin the season ranked in the top 20 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Division II preseason poll, with the ladies voted No. 17 and the men voted No. 20.

The women's team is veteran-heavy, with six seniors and juniors, and only one sophomore and one freshman.

Sofia Intriago, Whitney Lightfoot, and Celine Martin are the three seniors playing their last matches for the Lady Bobcats this season, while a few new faces will play their first matches for GCSU.

Juniors Gabby Acuna and Marjorie Ceppo, and freshman Bertille Lion paced the Lady Bobcats in the fall tournaments, coming away with four wins each. Ceppo had the best overall record at 4-2.

The men's team has a good mix of experience and youth, with two seniors, two juniors, three sophomores and two fresh-

men. Matthew Belenchia and Tony Bertucci enter their final season as Bobcats.

Redshirt junior Erick Siqueira led the team in wins this fall, going 7-2 across the three tournaments. Sophomore Max Beliankou and freshman Francis Yoshimoto each had five wins during tournament play.

Something interesting to note about the tennis teams here at GCSU is the international influence present.

A quick glance at the rosters reveals five of nine

players on the men's team and six of nine on the women's team came to GCSU from other countries, whether directly or through community colleges.

The veteran players, the incoming new talent, and the international flair should add up to great seasons for both Bobcat teams this season. Their matches are played on the Centennial Center courts during the middle of the day, so come out and support the teams this season.



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Diane Danna practices last Friday at the Centennial Center courts. The Lady Bobcats see their first action of the season at home on Saturday.

No. 18 golf squad opens season in Fla.

BY KEVIN LANGLEY
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, Feb. 11, the Bobcat Men's Golf team will begin its spring 2008 season at the Matlock Invitational in Lakeland, Fla. The Matlock Invitational will be hosted by Florida Southern University.

There is much to be excited about as the Bobcats begin this spring season ranked No. 18 in the Golf World/ Nike Golf

Division II Poll, but staying grounded, according to Coach Jimmy Wilson, is important for this relatively young team.

"The ranking is flattering, but the only thing that really matters is how we play in May," Wilson said. "Right now, the ranking doesn't really mean a thing."

Don't mistake Wilson's humble attitude for a lack of high expectations for this spring season.

"This spring we expect

to win, and we want to improve every time out," Wilson said.

High expectations are quite reasonable after completing an exciting fall season. The team returns three seniors and two sophomores from last year's team.

Seniors Juan Biale and Kyle Collins, and sophomores Nicolas Johansson and Francisco Bide will provide important leadership and experience for the team after competing in the NCAA Championship last spring where it finished sixth.

This year the team is joined by a good nucleus of young talented players including freshmen Joe Young, Bayley Craig and Billy Shida.

Senior Juan Biale is embracing his role as a veteran and returning senior for this upcoming spring season.

"It feels good to be an experienced senior," Biale said. "I feel like I have the abilities to guide the other players to play well and to play well myself. This semester is my last big chance to play good golf here, and I plan to take advantage of it."

With experience, solid leadership, high expectations and a humble attitude, the team appears poised to make a strong run into the Peach Belt Conference Tournament and into the NCAA Championship.



FILE PHOTO
Freshman Joe Young watches practices with his driver in practice. The golf team enters the Spring 2008 season ranked No. 18 after finishing last season ranked No. 10.

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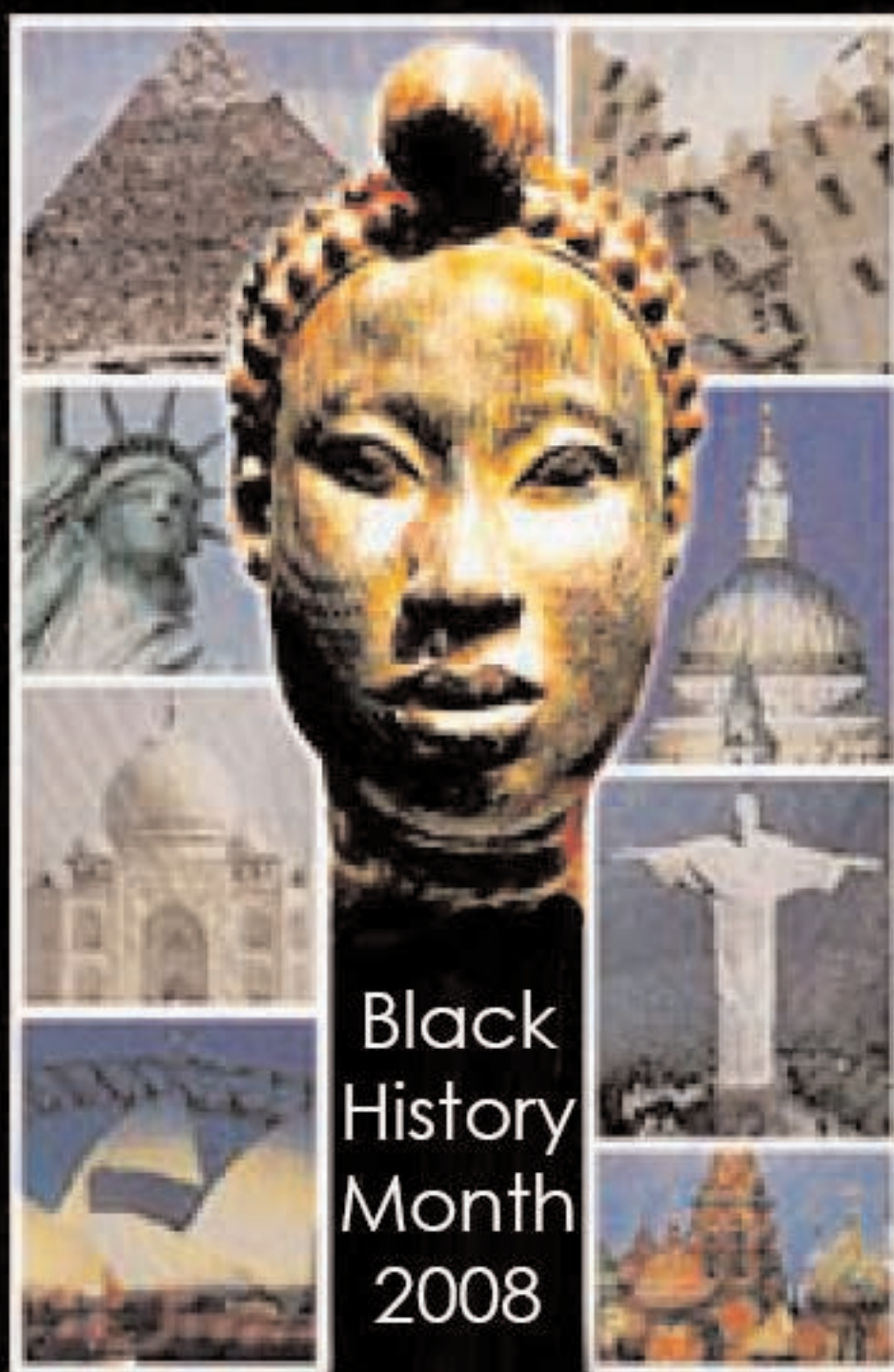
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completed in 1989 and the facilities for all of the other sports were upgraded including a major reconstruction to the Peeler Athletic Complex on West Campus that houses GCSU's softball, baseball and soccer teams.

"(Aldridge) is the most hands on person in the department without a doubt," Tennis Coach and Assistant Athletic Director Steve Barsby said. "Whether it's helping out around (the Centennial Center) or helping put new piping under the softball field, he's there at every event."

Aldridge said that there were a few reasons for his decision to retire now.

"I've been thinking about (retiring) for a couple of years," Aldridge said.

"Every year next year became next year and I really thought I would probably do it in a year, but the department is currently looking to fill three positions and I felt that the new athletic director should be here to work with them."

Aldridge also noted that he has been spending less time working lately, and that the job cannot really be done in part-time fashion.

"I feel like my time away from the job, at this point, is very important to me," Aldridge said. "So, my decision at that point was to retire while I'm still in relatively good health. There's just some things I'd like to do other than work, and

I think it is probably a good time to do that."

Dr. Bruce Harshbarger, dean of student affairs, said that Aldridge has earned the respect of the entire GCSU community.

"The thing is that it is not just that he has been here for so long, but that he has been the face of (GCSU athletics),"

Harshbarger said. "He has been involved in everything that is going on."

Barsby has worked under Aldridge seven years and said he has never had a better boss.

Barsby also said that Aldridge's legacy will continue when he leaves.

"He's built a great foundation and he's kept it going," Barsby said. "His leadership has allowed people at Georgia College to compete and he has just led us by example and we can keep it going."

An interim athletic director will be announced within the next couple of days, according to Harshbarger, who the athletic director reports

to.

Harshbarger is currently researching what the job description should include compared with other PBC schools.

Aldridge said he will miss his work at GCSU, but is looking forward to the next step in his life.

"My years here have been very rewarding," Aldridge said. "I honestly feel like I am one of the few people that can say that I enjoyed coming to work almost every single day."

Career highlights at GCSU

- 1974** - Named head men's basketball coach
- 1981** - Has best season as basketball coach (17-10)
- 1985** - Named GIAC Basketball Coach of the Year
- 1986** - Named assistant athletic director
- 1986** - Named GIAC Basketball Coach of the Year
- 1988** - GCSU moves to NCAA Division II
- 1989** - Centennial Center finished
- 1991** - Named interim athletic director
- 1992** - Peeler Athletic Complex facelift
- 1993** - Named permanent athletic director
- 2004** - Soccer program begins
- 2008** - Announces retirement

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"We got outplayed tonight, plain and simple," Carrick said. "They outscraped us, outshot us, the second team in a row to come into our place and do that, and we did not deserve to win."

For the second game in a row Williams moved up another notch in the GCSU record book and recorded a double-double, her ninth of the season. This time she moved into fourth on the all-time rebounding list, a testament to her hard work and dedication over four seasons at GCSU.

Freshman sharpshooting guard Dominique Huffin was hot in the first half, and finished with 16 points for the Lady Bobcats.

Senior guard Elicia Lynch took over the scoring in the second half, finishing with 22 points on seven-of-14 shooting, including four-of-eight from deep.

The men's team got just what they needed in a blowout win over the Braves. Every Bobcat saw several minutes on the floor, as the team opened up a huge lead early and never looked back, crushing UNCP 75-43.

"Man we needed that," Sellers said. "We have had guys playing 30-plus minutes the last few games and it felt great to give them a rest and play some guys that haven't gotten to play much."

The Bobcats brought the long-distance barrage back to put the Braves away. Three players in particular had great shooting nights from three-point range.

Senior forward Jay Warden went six-of-eight for his season high 18 points, freshman point guard Andre Mikell hit all four of his threes, and Martin matched Warden's 18 points, including four-of-eight from behind the arc.

The Bobcats' deep bench outscored the Braves' 41-8.

"Our depth is going to be the key for us down the stretch," Sellers said. "We have to get the usual production from our main guys, but we also need the bench to step up for us."



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior guard Emily Bixler makes a move on a UNC-Pembroke opponent Monday night at the Centennial Center. The Lady Bobcats won the contest 62-56.



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Sophomore Ty Rowland controls the ball for the Bobcats in their Saturday night loss to No. 10 Augusta State University.

With both teams going 1-1 this week, the men sit in third place in the Peach Belt Conference at 7-5, and the women are tied for sixth in the PBC at 6-6.

Several key games

remain, and either team can make a strong push leading into the tournament, but inconsistency could lead to sub-par finishes.

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times, drove in two runs and scored twice.

The Bobcats hoped for a different outcome in the second game with senior ace Sean Heimpel taking the mound. That hope soon disappeared, as the Spartans scored six runs in the second inning on their way to a 15-3 blowout.

The two time defending national champions scored in every inning except the fourth and outthit the Bobcats 16-7. Spartan hitters also connected for three home runs in the game. Heimpel worked one and a third innings, giving up seven earned runs and walking three.

"Jessup and the guys did good in the first game, made good pitches," junior catcher Pete Paris said. "In the second game, we left the ball up in the zone, and you can't do that against these guys."

RBI singles by sophomore third baseman Brooks Robinson and junior outfielder Danny McCorkell in the third and a leadoff solo homer by sophomore outfielder Andrew Evans in the fourth capped the scoring for the Bobcats.

"We played well in the first game, but not so well in the second," junior first baseman Mitch Mitchell

said. "We've got to stay in and fight."

The Bobcats are looking ahead to this weekend, when they go on the road to face Alabama-Huntsville on Saturday and Sunday. Tuesday, they'll be back at

home to face Shorter College at 3 p.m.

"Hopefully on Monday we can shake it off and prepare for Alabama-Huntsville," Carty said. "There are many more games ahead."



BOBBY GENTRY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior outfielder Danny McCorkell makes contact Saturday against the No. 1 ranked University of Tampa. The Bobcats came up short in both games of the double-header and fell in the national polls from No. 13 to No. 22.

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Friday, February 8

7 p.m. "Murder on Maul" Mystery Dinner
- Crockett's - 100 Fieldstone Drive, Milledgeville

Saturday, February 9

7 p.m. "Murder on Maul" Mystery Dinner
- Crockett's - 100 Fieldstone Drive, Milledgeville
7:30 p.m. GCSU Max Noah Singers Valentine's Day
Rendezvous- First United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 10

3 p.m. Flannery O'Connor- Andalusia Lecture Series:
Melanie DeVore - Main House Dining Room
7 p.m. "Until The Violence Stops" - Museum Education

Monday, February 11

11 a.m.- 12 p.m. "What is the True Cost of US Foreign Oil
Dependence?" - Arts and Sciences Auditorium
7 p.m. "Until The Violence Stops" Film
-Museum Education Room
7:30 p.m. Faculty Artist Recital - Ryan Smith
-Max Noah Recital Hall

Tuesday, February 12

12:30 p.m. Christian de la Huerta Speaks: Beyond Belief
Lecture
- Arts and Sciences Auditorium
3 p.m. Bobcats Baseball vs. Shorter
-Kurtz Field - West Campus
5:30 p.m. Christian de la Huerta Speaks: Coming Out
Spiritually Lecture - Arts and Sciences Auditorium
7 p.m. Campus Outreach 180 - Peabody Auditorium

Wednesday, February 13

12:30 p.m. SGA Meeting- Student Activities Center - third floor
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting- 107 Atkinson Hall
3 p.m.-4 p.m. "Zen and the Art of Falling in Love (Workshop Series)"
-130 Lanier Hall
4 p.m.- 5 p.m. "Biological and Environmental Science Spring
Seminar Series: Environmental Challenges at Georgia
Power's Plant Branch" - 250 Herty Hall

Thursday, February 14

7 p.m. "The Vagina Monologues": Magnolia Ballroom

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THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



One thing led to another

On Jan. 31, at approximately 8:13 p.m., Officer Reonas observed a vehicle on Clarke Street with no headlights. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. While speaking with her, Officer Reonas could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. He also observed that her eyes were bloodshot and her speech slurred. When tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000, she registered .170. She was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI second and headlight requirements. The vehicle was left at the scene of the stop.

Got to let it go

On Feb. 2 at approximately 2:28 a.m., Sgt. Williams observed a female urinating close to downtown. Contact was made with the female, who was very belligerent and yelling profanities. Sgt. Williams could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. She was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Public Drunk.

Drunk driver arrested

On Feb. 2, at approximately 2:08 a.m., Officer Pissott observed a vehicle at the intersection of Wayne and Franklin streets with one functioning brake light. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. While speaking with the driver, Officer Pissott could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. The driver admitted to drinking since 3:00 p.m. that afternoon, but stated he did not believe he was intoxicated. When tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000, he registered .143. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI. The vehicle was

removed from the scene by Old Capitol Wrecker after several attempts were made by him to have someone get the vehicle for him.

Tampering with history

On Feb. 2 at approximately 4:34 p.m., while on foot patrol, Officer Hicks found a door to the Governors Mansion unsecured. It appeared that the door may have been tampered with. Officer Hicks along with Sgt. Williams, Officer Reonas and Officer Pissott did a walk through of the building to make sure no one was inside. Managers were called to the scene to advise if anything appeared to be missing.

Should have listened the first time

On Feb. 4, at approximately 2:26 p.m., Officer Gaines was doing a walk through Russell Library and observed a male in the library that had been previously banned. Contact was made with the male, who had no ID and stated he was not a college student. The Trespass Warning was verified and the male was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with Criminal Trespass.

Suspicious man removed

On Feb. 5, at approximately 2:29 p.m., Officer Gaines was dispatched to the area of MSU/Front Campus in reference to a suspicious person approaching females. Contact was made with the male, who did not have official business being on GCSU property. He was given a Trespass Warning for all of GCSU property.

Purse stealer on the large

On Feb. 5, at approximately 8:35 p.m., a female reported that she put her purse on a bench near the food court at MSU to play Frisbee. After 10 minutes, she looked at the bench and her purse was missing. A search of the area did not locate the purse. Officer Baker reviewed the security cameras in the area and was not able to see the area where the purse was located. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler.

Information compiled
by Jamie Fleming

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Kicking Off V-Day

On Monday, Feb. 11, "Until the Violence Stops" premieres in the Museum Education Room at 7 p.m. Admission is one dollar. This film is a Sundance favorite chronicle of how Eve Ensler's show "The Vagina Monologues" grew into V-Day. Part of Social Justice Awareness Month. If you have more questions contact Nadirah Z. Ross, Diversity Program coordinator, at 478-445-4233.

Foreign Oil Lecture

"What is the True Cost of U.S. Foreign Oil Dependence?" lecture will be given by Dr. John Duffield, professor of political science at Georgia State University. The lecture will draw on his recent book: "Over The Barrel: The Costs of U.S. Foreign Oil Dependence" Stanford University Press. It will be Monday, Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium. For more information call James Winchester at 478-445-4025. Come out to hear about one of the economical gripping issues our nation is facing.

Zen and the Art of Falling in Love Workshop Series

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. a workshop series will begin focusing on "Zen and the Art of Falling in Love." Looking at how to begin and maintain a healthy relationship, there will be

three sessions total for all interested. Drawing on numerous spiritual traditions, such as Buddhism and Christianity, there will be heavy focus on keeping your individual identity. The information for this workshop is taken from Charlotte Kasl's book, "If The Buddha Dated." The three sessions will be on Feb. 13, 20 and 27. The workshop will be located in 130 Lanier Hall. Call Counseling Services at 478-445-5331 for more information.

Win Catcash

Two students who respond to the "National Survey of Student Engagement" e-mail survey by Mar. 17 will win a \$50 Catcash prize. Look for an e-mail with the subject line of: We Want Your Feedback. Follow the instructions on the e-mail and complete the survey. Two winners will be announced on Mar.19.

Christian de la Huerta speaks on religious unity

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, Christian de la Huerta speaks in the Arts and Science Auditorium. He will first speak at 12:30 p.m. on "Beyond Belief." Christian de la Huerta will be introducing his audiences to many of the world's religions. He will share understanding of the teachings of religious traditions and their attitudes towards homosexuality. Offering a fresh outlook on gay spirituality and

how to assert it, de la Huerta will give gay and straight audiences new foundations from which to build a spiritual life. At 5:30 p.m. he will also speak on "Coming Out Spiritually." Take this time to enjoy free admission to hear a great speech on religious and social justice in our community. If you have more questions contact Nadirah Z. Ross, Diversity Program coordinator, at 478-445-4233.

Interested in photography?

For all photographers- what to learn how they did it in the "old" days, especially for beginners, the new "Darkroom Photography" course will focus on camera operation, exposure control, black and white film development, darkroom printing procedures, and print presentation. The course will also teach technical skills used to create successful photographic prints and use the medium as a means of self-expression. A 35mm camera with manual adjustments of manual override for focus, apertures and shutter speeds is required. There will be an additional supply list when students register.

Beginning Feb. 11, the course will be at the McIntosh House from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be eight sessions total at \$189. The instructor will be Logan Ferrelle. Every session will be held on Mondays through March 31. For more information or to register, call Nora at 478-445-5277.



What is the meaning of the Greek Benches?

Have you ever wondered the meaning of the eight colorful benches, adorned with Greek letters, in-between Atkinson and Parks Hall? These benches happen to belong to the member organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is an umbrella organization for nine historically black, international Greek lettered fraternities and sororities. Each of the nine NPHC organizations evolved during a period when African-Americans were denied essential rights and privileges afforded to other college students. The groups are referred to collectively as the "Divine Nine."

We are fortunate to have six active chapters of the nine that NPHC represents. These organizations include: the Kappa Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Mu Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the Mu Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, The Nu Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Rho Lambda Chapter of Phi

Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, and the Eta Xi Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Traditionally at Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs), these organizations are dedicated a plot on which their benches sit. Here at GCSU, each organization has decorated their bench to give a representation of their organization on campus. This is because they do not have houses, and it is tradition that these organizations find some means of representing their organization on campus. The members of these organizations design their respective bench to honor the year their organization was founded, as well as the year their chapter was chartered on our campus.

One active chapter member had this to say about the benches, "Our benches are important to us because it is a symbol of our organizations and what we each stand for. These benches represent the legacy, history and the hard work of our founders."

Another member had this to add about her bench, "I just want the people of Georgia College & State University, a college who prides itself on diversity, to

understand how much these Greek benches mean to us and respect it just as much as we do."

It has always been a tradition of NPHC and its respective organizations to treat its founders, fraternities and sororities with respect.

Additionally a member added, "We show our respect by acting appropriately in our letters and by not sitting, standing, or defacing in any other way our benches." The members of the organizations do not sit on the benches out of respect, and they feel as though no one else shall sit or disrespect the organizations in any other way. "It hurts me to look at all the marks and shoe prints of those who so carelessly placed their feet upon what my sisters and I worked so hard to accomplish." The general population should recognize the hard work and dedication the members put into creating these benches. Smoking and putting your feet up on the benches is in their eyes, defacing their monuments.

If you would like to learn more about the NPHC organizations on our campus, please visit <http://www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/greek.html>.

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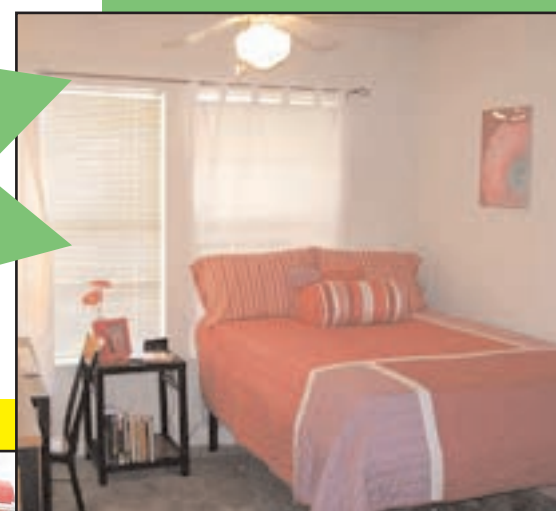
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